

CCC Media Advisory

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Calif. Conservation Corps Director Visits Local CCC Projects Jan. 12

California Conservation Corps Director Will Semmes, appointed to his position by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2004, will get a first-hand look at corpsmembers working on two area projects during his first visit to Redding. Semmes will see fuel reduction work at Whiskeytown National Recreation Area for the National Park Service and a brush clearance project at the historic Boswell Mine for the Bureau of Land Management Redding Field Office.

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 11 a.m., Whiskeytown National Recreation Area Meet at Visitor's Center

What: CCC Director Will Semmes will visit a 15-corpsmember crew tackling fuel reduction work to widen a fire break. Using chainsaws, the crew will remove trees to improve fire protection for the town of Old Shasta. They will be working at the site until noon.

Also on hand will be Whiskeytown Superintendent Jim Milestone and Fire Management Officer Jim Hutton.

Where: Meet at Visitor's Center at 11 a.m.

Contact Wed. morning: Carol Jandrall (Whiskeytown NRA), Lynda Burkhalter (CCC Redding Center).

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2 to 3 p.m. Boswell Mine, Swasey Recreation Area

What: Corpsmembers will be clearing brush and vegetation around the historic gold mine and stamp mill site at Boswell Mine. The stamp mill processed gold ore during the 1850s and is also an important site to Native

Americans. The Bureau of Land Management will develop an interpretive site for visitors to showcase its historic and cultural resources. The mine site also ties into the Mule Mountain Pass Trail the CCC has worked on.

Where: Boswell Mine, Swasey Recreation Area

Directions: From Redding, take Placer Road to Swasey Drive, going right on Swasey Drive. Continue north to Delano Drive – take the dirt road just across from Delano Drive, going left onto the dirt road. Drive less than a half-mile to where you see the CCC crew at work.

Contact Wednesday afternoon: Lynda Burkhalter, (CCC Redding Center

The CCC's Redding operations employs 40 area corpsmembers who work throughout Shasta, Trinity and Tehama counties. The corpsmembers are young men and women between the ages of 18 and 25 who join for a year of natural resource work and emergency response. The California Conservation Corps is a department within the state Resources Agency.

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